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I hereby claim the benefit under 7 below and, insofar as the subject matter of States application in the manner provided be the duty to disclose material information as between the filing date of the prior application.	each of the claims of t y the first paragraph o defined in Title 37, C	f Title 35, United States Code, § 1: ode of Federal Regulations, § 1.56	ne prior Unite 12, I acknow which occur	ed ledge red
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Power of Attorney: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Sean M. McGinn, Reg. No. 34, 386, and Frederick W. Gibb, III, Reg. No. 37,629, as attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC 8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA 22182-3817. Telephone calls should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC at (703) 761-4100.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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